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INTRODUCTION.

It was not my intention in the beginning of this record, to write a genealogy of the "Butts Family", but to collect the names, the place and dates of births, marriages and deaths, or whatever might be of interest in making a family record. No records had been preserved in my branch of the family, and nothing was known of my ancestry back of my grand parents. The separation of families and the difficulties of keeping up relationship by travel or correspondence in early times had left no trace but traditional history, which have proved to be tales of incidental life principally invented to suit the visions of the narrator.

At the beginning of my undertaking was an obstacle which more than half of the American families will encounter in tracing out their ancestry. All records with any reference to dates had been lost, and only such facts were obtainable as could be remembered by the oldest of the family. The work of collecting records has required constant thought and research, and although but little truth could be found in numerous traditional stories, they have in many cases been valuable as a trail of evidence to conclusive facts written in town and other public records.

My grandfather, Noah Butts, like most boys of his time, left his home at an early age. He died when my father, John Wood Butts, was quite young, who had but a slight recollection of him, and the only record in the family related to but his own children and nothing was known of his parents or

relations or the place of their birth; before my grandfather nothing was known of this branch of the Butts family.

In my struggles to connect ourselves with the first family who came to this country, I had, by a series of questions to an old aunt who was then in her 85th year and the oldest in the family, to find who her grandparents were. I had nearly given up the task when, in a wandering conversation, she happened by a flash of recollection, to say that her grandmother's name was Susanna Cornell and, in answer to further questions, added, "My name is Susanna Cornell, I was named for her." She came to our house in Boston when I was a child and returned to her home in Portsmouth, Rhode Island. My joy cannot be over-estimated when this fell from her lips. She had always been known to us as aunt Susan; we had not known that her name was Susanna, and although I had many times asked her what the C. in her middle name was for, or, what her middle name was, she had never told me. In the record of marriages in the town of Portsmouth I had found inserted, John Butts and Susanna Cornell, both of the town of Portsmouth, married August 17th, 1775. Thus the identity of my great-grandfather was discovered. Had it not been for this fortunate recollection of this old lady, our connection with our ancestors might have been lost forever.

The indifference on the part of those interested in regard to obtaining their family record is quite surprising. Men, who in the ordinary pursuits of life are methodical and careful, appear to possess no interest whatever, at least as far as any exertion is required of them in their preservation, and it is hard to obtain, with any degree of correctness,

answers to letters of inquiry. It has been a matter of great labor and patience to obtain the names of those who first settled in this country, and their families. I do not think there has been a record preserved in any branch of the family, at least there is not any known to me. It seems as if those who first came and settled in this country, as well as their descendants, have literally obeyed the advice and injunction of the Royal Prophet in the 45th Psalm:

"Forget also thine own people and thy father's house, instead of thy fathers, shall be thy children."

Therefore, as I have said, it is a work of time and patience at this late day to trace the genealogical name of the family from the Pilgrims even though their ancestors were men of renown. I have, nevertheless, thought it proper to engross such notices of my ancestors as I have been able to collect, and which may be more likely to be preserved here than on the loose papers on which the memorials were first taken.

ORIGIN OF THE WORK.

One bright autumn day, October 23, 1880, I visited Portsmouth, R. I., and spent several hours in the vicinity of "Fort Butts" and the home of the Butts family. It is unnecessary for me to relate the history of this fortification, as it is well known with the history of Rhode Island. But there, on the spot where the principal part of the engagement in the "Battle of Rhode Island" was fought, August 8, 1778, was the birth-place of the Butts family of which I write. The name of the fort was given in honor of John Butts and his family for their loyalty, and aid given to the Patriot Army during the struggle for independence.

The object of my visit was to collect memorials from some of the aged people and to find the burial place of those who had died there. I saw one very old lady, who was the only person who had any recollection of them, and that was of her grandmother, who was Sarah Butts, daughter of John and Abigail Butts, who married Thomas Cook. Another old lady at a house to which I had been directed, pointed out an enclosure some distance from where we were, and said she remembered being told that it was the burying place of the Buttses and also, when she was a child, of seeing a burial there but she had never known of a person by that name. "This lot," she said, "is now called by the oldest people living here, 'The Old Butts Burying Ground'."

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I hastened to the place thus described to me, thinking I would find on some of the headstones something important for my records, but was never more disappointed. Nothing but a neglected and forgotten space, enclosed by a once substantial wall, was to be seen. I was obliged to force my way through a thick growth of wild vines and shrubs and to remove the thorned branches from the headstones with my hands. The lot measured about forty feet each way and was closely filled with graves. *Many of these bodies were laid at rest before monument makers were very much employed in this country and none but natural stones could be procured to mark their resting place. This place, although no eulogies had been preserved or no inhabitant could relate any kind remembrances, seemed hallowed to me; I felt more inspired in the work of placing in the hands of my children a record of their ancestry. The usefulness and happiness of placing memorials over the dead I had not realized before, I felt as though there must be someone who could answer my thoughts, but all was silent: those who knew them and the children who had loved them had all passed away.

*Since the above was written, the writer has observed that Quaker families very rarely placed any other marks on the grave of their dead.

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- E X P L A N A T I O N S -

This record consists of the American genealogy of the Butts family of Rhode Island, or those who are of Rhode Island descent.

In English genealogy I have taken no pains to collect and the line of descent, so far as I have been able to trace, is broken. The name Butts, however, dates back to the earliest history of England, and it seems remarkable that it has not been changed or confused with other names, such as Butt or Betts. The name appears quite often among the French as De' Butts, but this branch of the family has no connection with the French since the 11th century. Blake, in his biographical history, gives the following tribute of respect to an English ancestor, of whom many pleasant memoirs have been written.

"Sir William Butts, an English physician, a native of Norfolk, and educated at Cairns College, was one of the founders of the Royal College of Physicians to Henry VIII, by whom he was Knighted. He was much esteemed for his learning, medical skill and judgment, and Bishop Parkhurst has several epigrams upon him. Shakespeare immortalized him as one of the royalhousehold in his play of Henry VIII, (act V. sec. 2). He is represented in the celebrated painting by Hobien, of the "Delivery of the Charter of the College of Surgeons" by Henry VIII, A. D. 1545, and is buried in Fulham Church, where there is a monument to his memory.

-----In following the record of names, the figures placed before the

name denotes other mention, and may be found backward or forward, according to their sequence, and in the index. The birth of every child is given in his parents' family. If a son lived and had children, his name will be found in the next generation. This is known by their having numbers. Without numbers, no other mention is made.

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THE AMERICAN GENEALOGY.

"Thomas Butts the Emigrant."

According to an account given in an English record of passengers who left England to settle in this country previous to 1700, Thomas Butts, the head of the Rhode Island family, departed from his home in Norfolk, to join the colony at Plymouth, Massachusetts, May 18th, 1630.

The first known of Thomas Butts in this country appears in the Plymouth County records, 1632. November 16, he bought 4 acres of Richard Hart. There are also recorded in his name the following transfers of land; 1636, October 1, he bought of Richard Bulger, 2 acres in Portsmouth, for a cow and ten shillings in wampum; 1638, November 20, he deeded William Earle 7 acres; 1638, November 20, he bought of Ralph Earle, of Dartmouth, a quarter of a purchase share of meadow, and an eighth share of upland, etc. 1682, October 13, he was sent by the court of Plymouth, to give reason of his continuance at Punkateeset, (Dartmouth) without first obtaining so to do from the Plymouth Government; 1685, October 27, he was granted a division of land in Dartmouth, purchased from Woosamequin and Wamsutta; 1696, March 13, he sold to Edward Gray, of Tiverton, land in Little Compton for 70 pounds; 1702, December 28, Probate Records, Little Compton, Will of Thomas Butts entered. 1703, February 2, proved : wife, Elizabeth, Overseers friends, Aaron, Davis, Jr., and Joseph Wilbur.

*Wife of Thomas Butts was Elizabeth Lake. dan.
of Henry Lake of Dorchester.*

To the eldest son of Zaccheus Butts and his wife Sarah, John, Mary, Abigail and Elizabeth Butts, all children of said Zaccheus and Sarah, the two and thirtieth part of a purchase right in Dartmouth. To Grandson, John Butts, son of Zaccheus, 16 acres in woodland in Dartmouth. To son, Idiho, 30 acres in Little Compton, north side of William Earle's house, and wife, Elizabeth and son, Moses, to build a house 16 feet square on said 30 acres, and to fence in a field, and let it out, the rent thereof to be for wife and Moses, they being obliged to maintain Idiho during his lameness. If Idiho should be restored to his former health, the house and 30 acres to be his forever, and if he should die without issue, then to return to Moses, my wife, Elizabeth, having equal share for life. To wife while widow, my now dwelling house etc. for life, and then to son Moses. To daughter Hepzabah Earle, at death of wife, a cow delivered to her for her own use. To grand-daughter, Sarah Butts, £50 at marriage. To wife, Elizabeth, rest of estate and maid servant Ann Dyer, and Indian woman called Pope.

Inventory: £213, 13s, 6d, viz: House and 30 acres, £100; 56 acres outland, £51; A 16th share of land in Dartmouth, £9; 2 oxen, 3 cows, 2 yearlings, calf, mare, 8 sheep, swine, wearing apparel, £2, 5s; 2 guns, bible, Indian woman, £4; Indian man £~~4~~; linen wheel, stillyards, etc.

The foregoing are taken from the Plymouth County records and are inserted for preservation, and to furnish indisputable proof in connection with dates, etc., connected with the record. *Book 2 p 71*

- FIRST GENERATION -

 "Children of ¹Thomas and ²Elizabeth Butts."

There is not any known record of Thomas having been married when he left his home in England, and the date of the birth of his first child Zaccheus. It may be presumed that he was married in this country. He died November, -- 1702. The date of her death is not known. There was born of them:

³ Zaccheus,	born in Little Compton, R. I.	-----	1667. ⁺
⁴ Idiho,	" " " "	-----	1670
⁵ Moses,	" <i>Spartmouth Mass. VR</i>	<i>d July 30, 1734</i>	1670.3
⁶ Hepzebah,	" " " "	-----	1675

⁶Hepzebah married ⁷William, son of Ralph and Dorcas (Sprague) Earle, of Little Compton, December 26, 1695. One account says ⁴Idiho moved to Connecticut where he had a family, but it is without foundation. It is possible, however, and seems probable that some of the later born may have gone there, as there is a large family by the name in several sections of the state.

4 Idiho, signed a deed 26 Nov 1709 as Highdidah.
 In "Early Rehoboth" vol 1 by Bowen p 9 under heads of families in Little Compton 1677/8 gives Thomas + Zachary.

- SECOND GENERATION -

 "Children of ³Zaccheus and ⁸Sarah (Earle) Butts."

³Zaccheus Butts and ⁸Sarah Earle, both of Little Compton, married
 Dec. 1718

----- 1686. They had

⁹ Sarah,	born in Little Compton,	-----
¹⁰ John,	" " "	1691
¹¹ Mary,	" " "	-----
¹² Abigail,	" " "	-----
¹³ Elizabeth,	" " "	-----

¹¹Mary married ¹⁴Benjamin Brayton, November 9, 1719. ¹³Elizabeth married
¹⁵Joseph Cundell, November 15, 1720, both of Fiverton, Rhode Island.

 "Children of ¹⁶Moses and ----- Butts."

¹⁶Moses Butts continued his life in Little Compton, in the home of his parents, where there is at this time a slight trace of his descendants. At one time the family was quite numerous in Dartmouth and New Bedford, but they have become almost extinct by casualties at sea, most of the male descendants having become mariners and lost their lives in whale fishery without having a family. No attempt has been made to follow out this branch of the family, principally on account of there not being a representative for information and the time it would necessarily take to collect the facts from public records. ¹⁶Moses died June 8, 1734. Nothing has been learned of who his wife was. His children were

¹⁷ Thomas, born October 18, 1700.
¹⁸ Zaccheus, " June 27, 1702.
¹⁹ Abraham, " November 23, 1704.
²⁰ John, " August 31, 1707.
²¹ Ann, " March 28, 1709.
²² Elizabeth, " December 5, 1719.
²³ Hepzabeth, " December 19, 1722. All born in Little

Compton (Then Massachusetts.)

¹⁷ Thomas married ²⁴ Elizabeth Lawton, of Little Compton, October 17, 1729.
¹⁹ Abraham married ²⁵ Mary Lake, of Dartmouth, August 24, 1734. ²⁰ John married
 1st, ²⁶ Alice Wordell, of Tiverton, October 26, 1727, married, 2d, ²⁷ Patience
 Brayton, of Portsmouth, R. I., March 29, 1752. ²¹ Ann married ²⁸ Sion Seabury,
 of Portsmouth, November 17, 1733. ²³ Hepzabeth married ²⁹ Joseph Lake, of
 Little Compton, October 10, 1739.

- T H I R D G E N E R A T I O N -

"Children of ¹⁰John and ³⁰Susanna (Wordell) Butts."

¹⁰When John Butts became of age, he left his home in Little Compton and went to Portsmouth, where he married ³⁰Susanna Wordell, daughter of Richard and Susanna (Pearce) Wordell. She was born in Tiverton, May 7, 1693. It was here that the home of the Butts family, of whom I write, was founded. He married December 11, 1712. I have no record of his having any property until January 15, 1725, when he bought of Caleb Bennett the Windmill and about one rood of land, on Windmill hill. He must have had property before this date as he was admitted Freeman some years previous. A considerable extent of land, surrounding what is known as Butts Will, was purchased by him, and there he erected a house where several generations of the family were born. A small portion of the land has descended in the Cook family, by way of his daughter ⁴¹Sarah, who married ⁴⁷Thomas Cook. The house, a typical colonial home, was taken down in 1878, having stood about one hundred and fifty years, giving a home and shelter to many of the family and a history that no tongue or record has preserved. They had

- ³¹ Richard, born August 10, 1713.
- ³² Benjamin, " May 8, 1715.
- ³³ Mary, " May 7, 1717.
- ³⁴ John, " June 2, 1719, who died in childhood.
- ³⁵ William, " August 21, 1721.

³⁰ Susanna, wife of ²⁰ John, died January 12, 1723. He married ³⁶ 2d, Abigail Moon, of Portsmouth, January 29, 1723. They had

³⁷ Hannah,	born July 24,	1724.
³⁸ Constant,	" December 18,	1725.
³⁹ Enoch,	" February 3,	1727.
⁴⁰ Susanna	" February 28,	1728.
⁴¹ Sarah,	" September 19,	1730.
⁴² John,	" May 16,	1733.
⁴³ Job,	" December 4,	1734.

There is no further record of ³¹ Richard or ³² Benjamin. ³⁵ Willian was admitted Freeman in Portsmouth May 3, 1743 and subsequently left his home and is believed to have settled in Connecticut. ³⁸ Mary married ⁴⁴ Generford Lindey, of Newport, R. I.. November 17, 1734. ³⁷ Hannah married ⁴⁵ Caleb Corey, of Portsmouth, September 16, 1739. ³⁸ Constant married ⁴⁶ Daniel Burrington, May 30, 1750. ⁴¹ Sarah married ⁴⁷ Thomas Cook, of Portsmouth, December 18, 1763.

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- FOURTH GENERATION -

Children of ³⁹Enoch and ⁴⁸Ann (Coggshall) Butts.

Enoch Butts spent his life where he was born and in manhood was the most distinguished in public affairs of any in the family. He was a staunch Quaker, was twice elected Deputy Governor of Rhode Island, first in 1763, again in 1767, Stephen Hopkins being the Colonial Governor both terms. His name frequently appears in Colonial history of the state.

⁴⁸He married Ann, daughter of John Coggshall, of Middletown, R. I., March 22, 1746. They had

- ⁴⁹Elizabeth, born January 1, 1747.
- ⁵⁰Coggshall, " April 27, 1750.
- ⁵¹Benjamin, " July 8, 1752.
- ⁵²Hannah, " March 23, 1755, died in infancy.
- ⁵³Hannah, 2d, " October 20, 1757.
- ⁵⁴Susanna, " May 16, 1760.
- ⁵⁵Enoch, " October 17, 1762.

⁵⁶Coggshall and ⁵⁷Benjamin had families. ⁵⁸Enoch is recorded on the prison list of American seaman confined in Fenton, England, during the Revolution. He was captured on board the Privateer Brig "Swallow" and during his confinement at Fenton, June 23, 1788, he with others made their escape, but he did not reach home until the war had ended. There is no record of his having had a family.

⁴³
Children of Job and ⁵⁶Batheba (Hunt) Butts.

⁴³ Job Butts, of Portsmouth, and ⁵⁶Batheba Hunt, of Little Compton, married April 25, 1756. Very little can be learned of the life of ⁴³Job, his family descendants not being in possession of any information. He is believed to have been a mariner, making his home in Portsmouth. The town records contain the birth of two sons and there are none others traceable to him.

⁵⁷ William, born November 20, 1759.

⁵⁸ Samuel, " May 8, 1767.

Nothing further is known of ⁵⁷William. ⁵⁸Samuel will be found forward in the record.

⁴²
Children of John and ⁵⁹Susanna (Cornell) Butts.

⁴² John Butts occupied the homestead of the Butts family, and was engaged in the shipping interests of the Island. The "War of the Revolution" was a great disaster to him; the British warships captured or destroyed his little fleet of vessels and the army swept everything from his land. He was greatly respected by the people among whom he lived, and the soldiers of the Patriot Army. To his honor and patriotism the fort which they struggled to defend was named, and from that time has been known as "Fort Butts." It is also said that the industry of the Island is largely due to his energy and influence. He married ⁵⁹Susanna, daughter of William and Susanna Cornell, of Portsmouth, August 17, 1757, of whom there were born,

⁶⁰ Noah, born December 9, 1770.

⁶¹ Seth, " July 8, 1775. in Providence - V.R.

The lives and families of these two sons will be told in subsequent chapters.

- FIFTH GENERATION -

Children of ⁵⁰Coggshall and ⁶²Hannah (Perry) Butts.

⁵⁰Coggshall Butts learned the trade of ropemaking in Newport, R. I., where he lived the remainder of his life. He was first in the family to become a ropemaker, and many of his younger relatives pursued him in this occupation. Ropemaking and the attendant trades to ship building was the only manufacturing carried on in this country at that time, and more men were employed at this business than all other mechanical trades combined. His name appears in the Bristol town records as follows:

Coggshall Butts, a Revolutionary prisoner, died March 21, 1836. He married ⁶²Hannah Perry of Newport, 1783. They had

- ⁶³Enoch, born September 25, 1783.
- ⁶⁴James P. " October 14, 1785.
- ⁶⁵Elizabeth T. " October 16, 1787.
- ⁶⁶Sarah, " February 17, 1791.
- ⁶⁷Benjamin P. " February 16, 1793.
- ⁶⁸Hannah " January 15, 1796.
- ⁶⁹Charlotte, " April 29, 1799.
- ⁷⁰Lydia, " April 3, 1801.

This family were all born in Newport, R. I. ⁶⁵Elizabeth married ⁷¹Albert Bennett, of Bristol, where she died August 17, 1854. ⁶¹Sarah died in Newport, October 23, 1812, unmarried. ⁶⁷Benjamin left his home early in manhood and settled in Ohio, where he married and engaged in agriculture.

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He died there, leaving a family who are related to the Rhode Islanders in this way. ⁶⁸ Hannah married ⁷² William Reed, of Newport, died there April 10, 1877. ⁶⁹ Charlotte married ⁷³ Izah Vickery of Bristol, died there June 25, 1849. ⁷⁰ Lydia married ⁷⁴ Stephen Bennett, of Newport (February --, 1834, died).

Children of ⁷¹ Benjamin and ⁷⁵ ----- Butts.

⁷¹ Benjamin Butts learned ropemaking with his brother ⁷⁰ Coggshall, and married in Newport, where he was detained during the period that the city was occupied by the British troops, and became quite reduced in wealth in consequence. I have not been able to learn who his wife was, his descendants having become nearly extinct by loss of life at sea. The children of James E., of Providence, are all that retain the name in this line of the family. His children were

- ⁷⁶ Isaac, born February 8, 1773.
- ⁷⁷ Caleb, " ----- - 1775.
- ⁷⁸ George, " February 8, 1777.
- ⁷⁹ Hannah, " ----- - 1778.
- ⁸⁰ Susanna, " ----- - 1780.

These births were all in Newport. ⁷⁹ Hannah married ⁸¹ ----- Remington, of Providence. ⁸⁰ Susanna married ⁸² John Cook, of Warwick, R. I., August 5, 1813.

Children of ⁷⁸ Samuel and ⁸³ Debrah (Spooner) Butts.

⁷⁸ Samuel Butts was a shipwright by trade and lived in Bristol, R. I., for many years employed at his trade. He married ⁸³ Debrah Spooner, of

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Bristol, February 20, 1791. She died there October 22, 1837. He died at the home of his son, ⁸⁹William, in Fall River, Mass., -----1845. The children were

⁸⁴ John, born December 14, 1791.

⁸⁵ Samuel " October 28, 1793.

⁸⁶ Job, " October 12, 1796.

⁸⁷ Nancy, " April 21, 1800.

⁸⁸ George T. October 30, 1802.

⁸⁹ William, " February 12, 1804.

⁸⁴ John was but little known, being a cripple, and died in Bristol, January 6, 1834. ⁸⁶ Job moved to Sackett's Harbor, where there is quite a family of his descendants. ⁸⁷ Nancy married ⁹⁰Silas Brown, of Bristol, married, 2d, ⁹¹John West, of Bristol. ⁸⁸ George T. moved to Brooklyn, N. Y., where he left a family. Before this record was begun the writer had the acquaintance of several Buttses in this line. Since that time, having failed to interest any of them by correspondence, gave up the trace on account of the time and expense it would necessarily take to follow it out.

⁶⁰ Children of Noah and Lydia (Daggett) Butts. Shud. 2/16/1828

" Lydia of Boston, widow of Noah, in
----- 60th yr. " Prov. v. 8.

⁶⁰ Noah Butts learned ropemaking in Providence and worked at the trade in Seekonk, then in Massachusetts, where there were extensive ship yards at the mouth of the Ten Mile River. He moved to Boston in 1792, where he opened the first restaurant kept in that city. His name appears in the

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Moan Butts learned cobbling in Providence and worked at the trade

children of Moan and Mary (Daggett) Butts. 2nd of 5 children.

Copy from the family tree.

Moan Butts b. Portmouth 3rd Dec. 1770

failed to interest any of them by correspondence. He left the place on
d. Charlestown, Mass. 25-Apr. 1817

acknowledgment of several passages in this time. Since that time, having
m. at Providence, R.I. Sept 3, 1789

Lydia Daggett, b. Rehoboth, Mass. Feb 14, 1769

d. Providence, Feb 16, 1828 - ag. 59 yrs.

a family of his descendants. Mary married Elias Brown, of Bristol,

January 9, 1824. John moved to Seekonk, a harbor, where there is butte

John was not little known, being a clergyman, and died in Bristol,

William, b. February 18, 1804.

George, b. October 20, 1808.

Mary, " April 21, 1800.

John, " October 18, 1788.

Samuel, " October 23, 1782.

John, born December 14, 1781.

children were

the home of his son, William, in Fall River, Mass. ----- 1848. The

Bristol, February 20, 1821. She died there October 22, 1821. He died at

tax list until 1806, when he resumed his trade and conducted the business in Cambridgeport, Mass. The War of 1812-13 blockaded the seacoast of Massachusetts, commerce was soon suspended and he was unemployed. Filled with valor and love for his country, he bade farewell to his wife and little ones and entered the United States Army. His regiment was stationed with the troops near the Canadian boundaries, and he participated in the campaigns of the boundaries. When the War had ended and he had returned to his home, he soon yielded to diseases contracted by exposure in northern winters, and he died at his home in Cambridgeport, April 24, 1817. He married ^{fr} Lydia, daughter of Dr. Israel and Frances (Bannister after Bowen) Daggett, of Rehoboth, Mass., September 3, 1789, of whom there were born five sons and four daughters. His wife, ^{fr} Lydia, died in Providence, R. I. while making a visit among relatives, February 16, 1828.

⁰⁸³	Joseph W.	born in Boston,	April	11, 1790.
⁰⁸⁴	Martha D.	" " "	September	8, 1793. <i>not m.</i>
⁰⁸⁵	Susanna Cornell	" " "	March	26, 1796. <i>not m.</i>
⁰⁸⁶	Noah, <i>fr.</i>	" " "	May	22, 1798. <i>will 1859</i>
⁰⁸⁷	William D.	" " "	October	29, 1799, died Sept. 1800
⁰⁸⁸	William D. ^{<i>aggett</i>} 2d,	" " "	April	19, 1801.
⁰⁸⁹	Lydia Daggett	" " "	December	25, 1803.
⁰⁹⁰	John Wood	" " "	February	10, 1806.
⁰⁹¹	Frances Bannister	" " "	September	23, 1808. <i>not m.</i>

⁸³ Joseph W. Butts began a mariner's life at an early age, but was unfortunate in his voyages. In his first cruise, when on the Spanish coast, his vessel

A family memo says Francis died in Gallipolis and Martha who died in Philadelphia.

was siezed and the crew was imprisoned in Spain for more than two years. When he reached his home he found his own country plunged in war with Great Britain and he entered the Privateer Navy, and after quite an experience he entered the regular naval service of the United States. It is not known how long he remained there or what battles he may have been engaged in. I have his personal account of the capture of his vessel, and of his confinement in Dartmore Prison, until the adjustment of peace. He left home a third time and was not heard of in a number of years, when

a man representing to be a companion of Joseph, related to his brother William that they joined a South American Privateer and were captured in battle, and Joseph died a prisoner of war, of starvation in a Chillian dungeon in the year 1818. ⁰⁸⁴ Martha died in Philadelphia, unmarried, May 24, 1834. ⁰⁸⁵ Susanna C. died in Charlestown, Mass., unmarried May 24, 1887. ⁰⁸⁹ Lydia D. married ⁰⁹² William H. Fry, of Madison, Ind., died there September 24, 1883. ⁰⁹¹ Frances B. died of an ^{small pox} epidemic disease in Philadelphia, while on a journey to her aunt, Martha Blake, in ^{Gallipolis} Ohio, about 1830. ⁰⁸⁶ Noah, ⁰⁸⁸ William and ⁰⁹⁰ John have family records.

⁶¹ Children of Seth and Polly ^{93 or Mary} (Bradford) Butts.

⁶¹ Seth Butts learned ropemaking in Providence, where he continued to live working at his trade until his death, ^{Prov. v R} January 15, 1846. He married ^{Prov. v R} ⁹³ Polly (Mary) Bradford, of Providence, January 5, 1797. She lived to an advanced age and is very pleasantly remembered by all who knew her. She

was loved by all the children, to whom she would relate to them stories
Seth was a member of Westminister Church (Unitarian) Providence. He is
buried in Swan Point Cem + the death records state he was b. in Prov.
July 8, 1775: He d. Prov. 16 June 1846 ag 71 yrs. 134

of her girlhood and early times. She died in Providence, April 1, 1871.

They had

⁹⁴ Joseph, born in Providence, ----- died in childhood.

⁹⁵ Seth, " " " January 10, 1800.

⁹⁶ Samuel, " " " November 12, 1802.

⁹⁷ William, " " " ----- 1804. died in childhood.

⁹⁵ Seth and ⁹⁶ Samuel are hereafter mentioned.

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- SIXTH GENERATION -

⁶³ Children of ⁹⁸ Enoch and Eunice (Allen) Butts.

⁶³ Enoch Butts learned ropemaking in Providence. He lived some years in New Bedford, but returning to Providence, he worked at his trade until his death. He married ⁹⁸ Eunice Allen, of Fall River, July 11, 1805. They had

⁹⁹ Mary A.	born in New Bedford, November 3, 1807.
¹⁰⁰ ⁱⁿ Edward P.	" " " " November 16, 1812.
¹⁰¹ Hannah,	" " " " March 3, 1817.
¹⁰² Francis A.	" " " " March 13, 1815.
¹⁰³ Albert N.	" " " " December 10, 1819.
¹⁰⁴ Henry R.	" " " " January 26, 1821.

⁹⁸ Eunice, wife of Enoch, died in New Bedford, January 16, 1823. He married ¹⁰⁵ 2d, Mary Allen, sister of Eunice, December 16, 1824. They had ¹⁰⁶ Thomas A. born July 17, 1827, died in childhood. She died ⁶³ Enoch married ¹⁰⁷ 3d, Abigail Heath, of New Bedford. He died in Providence, May 11, 1842. ⁹⁹ Mary A. married ¹⁰⁸ Andrew Grinnell, of Providence. ¹⁰¹ Hannah married ¹⁰⁹ John B. Watkins, of Providence. ¹⁰³ Albert N. died at sea July 1, 1857, unmarried. ¹⁰⁰ Edwin P., ¹⁰² Francis A., ¹⁰⁴ and Henry R. have genealogical records.

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Children of James P. and Betsey (Harris) Butts.

⁶⁴ James P. Butts was known as "Ropemaker Jim" and he was at the head of the business in Providence. His factory (or ropewalk as it was called) was located on Tockwotten Hill. He commenced business at the shipyards at the Ten Mile River, which was moved to Rhode Island on account of the disadvantages of doing business in two states, and located on India and Fox points in Providence. He married ¹¹⁰ Betsey Harris, of Warren, R. I., May 30, 1810, died in Providence, March 8, 1863. She died March 8, 1875. They had

¹¹¹ John H.	born in Providence,	December 11, 1811.
¹¹² James P.	" " "	March, 8, 1813.
¹¹³ William H.	" " "	March 8, 1813.
¹¹⁴ Sarah,	" " "	June 18, 1815.
¹¹⁵ Elizabeth S.	" " "	January 23, 1817.
¹¹⁶ Clarracy K.	" " "	January 11, 1819.
¹¹⁷ Charles P.	" " "	January 11, 1821.
¹¹⁸ Martin P.	" " "	August 26, 1823.
¹¹⁹ Crawford H.	" " "	September 30, 1825.
¹²⁰ Albert M.	" " "	November 11, 1827.
¹²¹ Maria,	" " "	January 4, 1829.
¹²² Lucias J.	" " "	April 16, 1832.
¹²³ Moses I.	" " "	June 4, 1834.
¹²⁴ Robert I.	" " "	June 4, 1834.

¹¹⁴ Sarah married ¹²⁵ Seth Ballou. They moved to Texas where she soon died.
¹¹⁵ Elizabeth married ¹²⁶ Josiah Richardson, of Providence. ¹¹⁶ Clarracy K. married
¹²⁷ William H. Bogan; he died ¹²⁸, married 2d, Curnell Colvin, both of
Providence. ¹²¹ Maria died June 24, 1844, unmarried. ¹²³ Moses died in child-
hood. ⁶⁴ All of the sons of James P. became ropemakers, but later were
obliged to find other occupations, ropemaking in Providence having become
a thing of the past. ¹¹² James P., Jr., served during the War in the 11th,
R. I. Infantry. He married ¹²⁹ Amelia Norton, of Wantucket, Mass, and had no
children. ¹¹⁹ Crawford H. was a cooper and followed the whale fishery until
it became unprofitable, and then worked at his trade in Providence, where
he died unmarried, March 27, 1894. ¹²⁴ Robert I. lived in Providence until
1836, when he went to Iowa and married, and engaged in agriculture. He
served in the war as Sergeant in the 11th, R. I. Infantry. ¹¹¹ John H., ¹¹³ William
¹¹⁸ H., ¹²⁰ Martin P., ¹²² Albert M. and Lucius J. have other mention in the record.

⁷⁶
Children of Isaac and ¹²⁸Philena (Bradford) Butts.

Isaac Butts learned ropemaking in Newport, removed to Providence, where he established a large business. His ropewalk was located on a common, about where Greene and Fountain Streets now unite. Commerce then extended into a cove to a wharf located near what is now Sabin and Callender Streets. He also had a ropewalk on a meadow overflowed by tide water, where Hospital and Langley Streets now cross and he was one of the leading business men of his time. He married ¹²⁹Philena Bradford of Providence, June --- 1774. They had

¹³⁰ Henry,	born in Providence, December 3, 1775.
¹³¹ Benjamin,	" " " June 26, 1779.
¹³² Isaac J.	" " " October 1, 1782.
¹³³ Ann,	" " " February 7, 1789.
¹³⁴ James E.	" " " November 28, 1793.
¹³⁵ Isaac,	" " " October 7, 1777.

⁷⁶ Isaac died August 11, 1798. ¹³² Isaac J. was a shoe dealer, and one of the first to occupy a store in the "Arcade" where he carried on business for many years. He died unmarried October 6, 1853. ¹³³ Ann married ¹³⁶Elias Arnold, of Providence, ----- -- 1804. ¹³⁰ Henry, ¹³¹ Benjamin and ¹³⁴James E. are hereafter mentioned.

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⁷⁷Children of Caleb and ¹³⁷⁻----- Butts.

⁷⁷ Caleb Butts was a mariner for many years. He then worked at rope-making in Newport and Providence. It has been perplexing not to be able to find anything further concerning him or his family, there being no living representative at this time. He married in Newport, 1797, and had three sons and two daughters.

¹³⁸	Alexander,	born in Newport,	October --	1799.
¹³⁹	William T.,	" " "	-----	1802.
¹⁴⁰	Hannah,	" " "	-----	1804.
¹⁴¹	Mary Ann,	" " "	-----	1806.
¹⁴²	James,	" " "	-----	1808.

¹³⁸ Alexander was a master mariner and died in command of his vessel at sea: was unmarried. ¹³⁹ William T. was a baker, and carried on the business in Newport and Providence. He married ¹⁴³ Ann S. Rider of Providence, where he died September 18, 1857, leaving considerable property but no children.

¹⁴² James was drowned by the capsizing of a boat in Newport Harbor, when about 12 years of age. ¹⁴⁰ Hannah married ¹⁴⁴ Samuel Merry of Nantucket, Mass. ¹⁴¹ Mary Ann married ¹⁴⁵ John Sutton, also of Nantucket.

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Children of George and ¹⁴⁶Miss (Cole) Butts.

⁷⁸ George Butts learned ropemaking in Newport, and moved to Warren, R. I., where he spent the rest of his life working at his trade. He was highly respected by all who knew him and many pleasant memories are clustered within his household. He married ¹⁴⁶Miss Cole, of Warren, ---- -- 1897. 1797

They had

¹⁴⁷ Ann,	born in Warren,	October	⁷ 30,	1898.
¹⁴⁸ George,	" "	"	September	20, 1800.
¹⁴⁹ Enoch,	" "	"	November	9, 1803.
¹⁵⁰ Philina,	" "	"	July	29, 1805.
¹⁵¹ Amelia,	" "	"	December	27, 1807.
¹⁵² William,	" "	"	January	5, 1809.
¹⁵³ Betsey,	" "	"	October	9, 1816.
¹⁵⁴ James,	" "	"	June	30, 1813.

¹⁴⁸ George died from exposure at sea ----- 1812. ¹⁴⁹ Enoch was lost with his vessel at sea ----- 1824. ¹⁵² William died on his vessel at Richmond, Va.

¹⁵⁴ James was killed in a boat by the attack of a whale ----- 1859. All were unmarried. The record of deaths at sea in this family is not a singular

case in the Butts history, nor is it the only case when the ocean has obliterated the genealogical name in one branch of the family. ¹⁴⁷ Ann

¹⁵⁶ married Charles Farrington. ¹⁵⁰ Philina married David Farrington. ¹⁵⁷ Amelia married Preston Pond. ¹⁵⁸ Betsey married William Martin, a master mariner,

who was lost with his vessel, nothing being heard of either after the departure from him. These marriages were all in Warren.

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Children of Samuel and Rebecca (West) Butts.

⁸⁵ Samuel Butts learned the trade of shipwright in the yards in Warren, R. I. He moved to Providence in 1826, where he pursued his trade for a number of years and for a time was employed by different express companies. He then carried on teaming, until he retired by age. He married ¹⁶⁰ Rebecca West of Bristol, R. I. 1821. He died April 10, 1883, she died December 22, 1888. They had

¹⁶¹ George S. born in Bristol, R. I. January 27, 1822.

¹⁶² Lucy A. " " Providence, February 13, 1831.

¹⁶³ Samuel A. " " Providence, August 14, 1843.

¹⁶¹ George S. died unmarried June 6, 1875. ¹⁶² Lucy A. married ¹⁶⁴ Thomas G. Earle of Providence, July 3, 1851. ¹⁶³ Samuel A. was among the first to answer the call to defend the union in 1861, and died at the siege of Charleston, S. C. in 1863, a member of the 3d Rhode Island Artillery. He was unmarried.

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⁸⁹Children of William and Mary (Monroe) Butts.¹⁶⁵

⁸⁹William Butts learned the trade of ship painter in Warren, where he lived many years employed at his trade, but in his later life lived in Fall River, where he died September -- 1849. He married ¹⁶⁵Mary Ann Munroe, of Warren, April 10, 1831. They had

¹⁶⁶Ruth, born in Warren, R. I., August 9, 1833.
¹⁶⁷She married Edward Brown of Warren, June 13, 1856.

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Children of Noah and Harriet (Giddleman) Butts.

Noah Butts learned ropemaking of his father in Cambridgeport, Mass. I have heard him relate a great many times, with a good deal of humor, his first experience in leaving home. During a day of military duty, known in those days as "General Muster", the ropemakers surrounded a house of notorious fame and, with a cable taken from the factory, drew the establishment to an embankment and dumped it into the Charles River. He was a leader in the performance and a warrant was soon made out for his arrest, but before it could be served he was notified by friends, and before daylight next day he was on his way to New York. There was no public conveyance in those days except by stage, and even those did not take passengers every day. In fear of arrest, he started on foot and was well on his way before he had been missed. He walked the entire distance to New York and, not finding employment, continued the walk until he reached Baltimore, Md., where he began ropemaking again. A year later found him engaged in steam engineering. Three years later, after a scalding accident on a steamboat in the Chesapeake Bay, he returned to Cambridgeport, where he applied steam power to ropemaking in the Charlestown Navy Yard. He was soon after appointed Chief Engineer, in which capacity he remained until his death, September 3, 1860. He married ¹⁶⁸Harriet Giddleman, of Baltimore, Md., December 25, 1817. She died April 7, 1877. They had

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¹⁶⁹ Joseph W.	born in Charlestown, Mass.	June	21, 1819.
¹⁷⁰ Mary W.	" " "	June	21, 1820.
¹⁷¹ John G.	" " "	November	22, 1821.
¹⁷² Lydia A.	" " "	December	25, 1822.
¹⁷³ Noah,	" " "	October	30, 1824.
¹⁷⁴ Elizabeth W.	" " "	December	27, 1827.
¹⁷⁵ Harriet H.	" " "	February	30, 1830.
¹⁷⁶ Eleanora	" " "	May	10, 1832.
¹⁷⁷ William D.	" " "	April	8, 1839.
¹⁷⁸ Joseph W. 2d,	" " "	January	27, 1842.
¹⁷⁹ Lydia A. 2d,	" " "	June	19, 1847.

¹⁶⁹ Joseph W. died in infancy. ¹⁷¹ John G. served in Company H, First New England Regiment in the war with Mexico, participating in the entire campaigns of General Scott. He learned the trade of machinist and went to Peru in the interests of a Yankee mining company, where he married and made his future home. He died at Arequipa, Peru, in 1835, leaving one son. ¹⁷³ Noah followed the path of his older brother, ¹⁷¹ John G. He became a machinist and went to the southern continent, where he was employed principally by the governments of Chile and Peru in building their navies. He married ¹⁸⁰ Catherine Southern, of New Brunswick, N. S., but the union was an unhappy one and they were divorced. He married ¹⁸¹ 2d, Mary Heath Tafft, of Newport, R. I., where he was employed by the government at the Torpedo Station until his death, January 7, 1893, leaving no children. ¹⁷⁷ William D. was a machinist. At the breaking out of the war, he entered the service in Company H, 5th Massachusetts, in which he served for the period of nine months, when he

entered the naval service as engineer, where he remained until the close of the war. He married ¹⁸²Olive Maria Prescott, of Peabody, Mass., April 8, 1872. He died in ^{Danvers, Mass.} Charlestown, May 2, 1887, leaving one child, a daughter, born July 11, 1875, named ¹⁸³Dora. ¹⁷⁸Joseph W., 2d, learned the machinist trade and entered the army in the regiment with his brother ¹⁷⁷William and later entered the naval service as engineer, in which capacity he continued until the close of the war. He then re-entered the navy as machinist, where he has continued his life. He is unmarried. ¹⁷⁰Mary W. married ¹⁸⁴Thomas Brintnell. ¹⁷⁴Elizabeth W. married ¹⁸⁵John T. Boyd. ¹⁷⁵Harriet H. married ¹⁸⁶William Burdett, Lieutenant U. S. Navy. ¹⁷⁶Eleanora died unmarried April 15, 1860. ¹⁷⁹Lydia A. married ¹⁸⁷Charles Stebbins. All the daughters married in Charlestown, Mass.

⁰⁸⁸Children of William D. and Lydia (Williams) Butts.

⁸⁸William D. Butts learned ropemaking of his father in Cambridgeport, and it is with pride that his younger brother and sisters speak of him as being their mother and their own dependence after their father's death. He freely and unselfishly applied all his earnings to the happiness and comforts of those around him. He was a member of the Baptist society, an industrious man, an affectionate father and faithful Christian. Later than his brother Noah, he left his trade and became a steam engineer, and was employed in the Charlestown Navy Yard. He married ¹⁸⁸Lydia Williams, of Cambridgeport, April 16, 1829. He died August 6, 1857. His wife died July 10, 1871. They had

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¹⁸⁹ Lydia D. born in Charlestown, January 18, 1830, died June 24, 1831.
¹⁹⁰ William D. " " " May 11, 1832. " " 8, 1832.
¹⁹¹ William D. 2d " " " January 8, 1834.
¹⁹² Lydia M. " " " February 16, 1840.
¹⁹³ Frances B. " " " September 15, 1842.
¹⁹⁴ George H. " " " October 25, 1844, died in childhood.

¹⁹¹ William D. learned the trade of hatfinisher. At the breaking out of the War in 1861, he entered the service of his country and enlisted in the 5th Mass. Battery of Light Artillery, in which he served until August 16, 1864, being attached to the army of the Gulf, and having participated in the Campaigns of Mississippi and Arkansas. He married ¹⁹⁵ Susan V. Moore of Charlestown, February 8, 1866. They had no children. He died in Somerville, Mass., April 25, 1889, of disease contracted in the army. ¹⁹² Lydia M. married ²¹⁹ William H. H. Butts of Providence. ¹⁹³ Frances B. married ¹⁹⁶ Charles H. Vose of Charlestown, Mass.

⁰⁹⁰ ¹⁹⁷ Children of John W. and Mehitable (Wentworth) Butts.

⁹⁰ John W. Butts learned the trade of hat finisher in Boston, and for a short time was employed in New York. He took charge of a hat factory in Providence, R. I., in 1830, and in a short time was admitted a partner. The business was conducted for several years as Sheldon & Butts, when he succeeded his partner, and for twenty or more years was the leading merchants and manufacturers of hats and firs in the city. In 1851 he retired from business to a farm in Cranston, a suburb of Providence,

having sufficient accumulations, with the profits of his farm, to provide for his family. In 1873, the city having extended its borders to his farm, he disposed of it and purchased another farm on the east side of Narragansett Bay, in the town of East Providence, where he died ^{Sept 12} October 8, 1890. He married ¹⁹⁷ Mable Wentworth, of Salem, Mass., July 23, 1829. She died March 31, 1882. They had

- ¹⁹⁸ John W. born in Providence. September 14, 1830.
- ¹⁹⁹ William D. " " " July 27, 1832.
- ²⁰⁰ Caroline M. " " " October 23, 1834.
- ²⁰¹ Edwin W. " " " October 17, 1836.
- ²⁰² Lydia A. " " " November 9, 1838.
- ²⁰³ Hannah C. " " " August 16, 1841.
- ²⁰⁴ Frances B. " " " January 27, 1844.
- ²⁰⁵ Mary A. " " " November 15, 1845.

¹⁹⁹ William D. went to California in its first golden days, (1849) where after many successes and reverses in the gold fields for a period of eight years, he retired to farming. He died by a fatal casualty in dismounting from his horse at his residence in Washington, Alameda County, June 14, 1853, unmarried. ²⁰¹ Edwin W. learned the trade of hatter, but left the business. He was engaged in agriculture at McLean, Ill., when the rebellion broke out. Leaving his plow to grasp the sword, he joined the 5th regiment, Illinois Cavalry, serving the Departments of Missouri and Arkansas, for nearly three years. A leaf from his captain's diary contains the following notice of his death.

Vicksburg, Miss., August 17, 1864. This morning we have the sad intelligence of the death of our fellow comrade and soldier, Sergeant Butts. All feel sad at his sudden and unexpected death. He was a man of good morals, a true friend, and good soldier. It is with a sad heart that I impart the news of his death to his wife and friends.

²⁰¹ Edwin W. married ²⁰⁶ Abby ²⁰⁷ Eunice Hawkins, of Providence, February 24, 1859. They had one daughter, ²⁰⁷ Stella, born April 5, 1861, died August 15, same year. ²⁰⁰ Caroline M. married ²⁰⁸ James P. Fisher. ²⁰² Lydia A. married ²⁰⁹ Frederick H. Hayward. ²⁰⁵ Mary A. married ²¹⁰ James H. Armington, all of Providence. ²⁰³ Hannah C. married ²¹¹ Sebastian Duncan, Jr., of Franklin, N. J. ¹⁹⁸ John W. and ²⁰⁴ Frances B. are hereafter mentioned in the record.

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Children of Seth and Sarah (Snow) Butts.

Seth Butts was an accountant of unusual reputation and held several important positions as such with the merchants of Providence. He became unsteady in his habits and in his later life was unemployed and lived with his son. He married ²¹² Sarah S. Snow, of Providence, July 20, 1830. He died July 10, 1878. They had

²¹³ Franklin, born in Providence, June 8, 1831.

²¹⁴ Charles B. " " " September 30, 1835.

²¹³ Franklin is further mentioned. ²¹⁴ Charles died August 27, 1837.

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Children of Samuel and Lucy (Hidden) Butts.

96 Samuel Butts learned the trade of draper and tailor and carried on the business in Providence for a number of years. He was among the first who went to California where, after severe trials and exposures in the gold fields, he returned unfortunate to his home, where he died February 26, 1867. He married 215 Lucy Ann Hidden, of Providence October 4, 1821.

They had

216 Mary E. born in Providence, August 25, 1822.

217 Mary C. " " " June 29, 1827.

218 Lucy A. " " " July 11, 1829.

219 William H.W. " " October 4, 1836.

216 Mary E. died September 26, 1826. 217 Mary C. married 220 Thomas Seekell, of Providence. 218 Lucy A. died August 24, 1830. 219 William H. H. is further mentioned.

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¹⁰⁰ ²²⁰
 Children of Edwin P. and Mary (Daily) Butts.

¹⁰⁰ Edwin P. Butts learned the trade of harnessmaker and saddler in Providence, where he has lived and carried on the business without change until the present time. My father, ⁹⁰ John W. Butts, relates in connection with him that he had done business with ¹⁰⁰ Edwin for upwards of fifty years because his name was Butts, but neither of them knew that they were in any way related, nor did any of the numerous families by that name in Providence know that their fathers were cousins. and a great surprise was made when I told them of their near kindred. Edwin P. ²²⁰ married Mary Ann Daily, of New Bedford, Mass., July 21, 1835. ²²⁰ ~~Edward~~ P. Butts died in Providence, April 1, 1897. Mary Daily Butts died in Providence December 27, 1897, age 82 years. They had

²²¹ Edward P.	born in Providence, October 2, 1836.
²²² Mary A.	" " " July 21, 1839.
²²³ Susan B.	" " " August 3, 1841.
²²⁴ Adeline	" " " June 21, 1844.
²²⁵ Abby F.	" " " August 12, 1846.
²²⁶ Elizabeth,	" " " October 1, 1848.

²²⁷ ²²⁷ Edward P. Butts married Susan E. Wilbur, of Pawtucket, R. I., July 29, 1858. They had no children. He died October 2, 1895. ²²⁸ Mary A. married Albert A. Slocum, of Pawtucket, R. I. and died in Providence, December 13, 1876.

²²³ Susan B. married ³⁰⁵ E. J. ³⁰⁶ Dorr, of Providence. ²²⁴ Adeline died in childhood,
August 24, 1845. ²²⁵ Abby F. married ³⁰⁶ Rev. George Miner, of Providence.
²²⁶ Elizabeth married ³⁰⁷ James H. Wightman, of Providence, married ³⁰⁸ 2d, Charles
French, of Providence and died June --- 1889.

¹⁰² Children of Francis A. and ³⁰⁹ Abby (Danfroth) Butts.

¹⁰² Francis A. Butts learned the carpenters' trade but soon after engaged
in the whale fishery, in which he became master of a vessel. In 1853 he
engaged in a commercial business in San Francisco, California, but soon
after returned to New Bedford, where he carried on ship rigging. In 1871,
when building began at Cottage City, Martha's Vineyard, he took up the
carpenter's business there, in which he was engaged for several years.

³⁰⁹ He married Abby Danfroth, of New Bedford, Mass. They had

³¹⁰ Francis A., Jr. born in New Bedford, February 11, 1838.

³¹¹ Jonathan, " " " " March 22, 1843.

³¹² Dorcus M. " " " " November 24, 1845.

¹⁰² Francis A. Butts, Sr., died in New Bedford, August 1, 1886. ³¹¹ Jonathan
entered the naval service at the age of eighteen, in which he remained
until the end of the war. He soon after went on a whaling cruise, in
which his vessel was lost, and he entered the merchant service, as
master of a large vessel, and during a heavy gale was washed from the deck
and drowned, November 13, 1870, unmarried. ³¹² Dorcus married ³¹³ George W.
³¹⁰ Randall, of New Bedford; Francis A., Jr. is again mentioned.

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Children of Henry¹⁰⁴ and Mary⁴²⁹ (Scott) Butts.

¹⁰⁴ Henry R. Butts was a carpenter. He always lived in New Bedford, employed at his trade. He served during the rebellion in Company A, 41st Massachusetts Infantry. He married⁴²⁹ Mary Scott of New Bedford, December 31, 1843. They had

²³⁰ Eunice, born in New Bedford, February 17, 1845.

²³¹ Henry R. 2d, " " " " January 24, 1847.

²³² Henry R. 3d, " " " " May 15, 1849.

²³³ Albert, " " " " November 8, 1851.

²³⁴ Henry R. 4th, " " " " January 13, 1851.

There is no record of the marriage of Eunice. ²³⁰ Henry R. 2d died May 23, 1848. ²³¹

²³² Henry R. 3d, died January 6, 1851. ²³³ Albert and ²³⁴ Henry R. 4th, have genealogical records.

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Children of John H. and Amey (Brown) Butts.

¹¹¹ John H. Butts commenced business in Providence, where he continued for a number of years. He then went to New York and was soon in business again, in which he was prominent and successful. He died there November 2, 1875. He married²³⁵ Amey Brown, of Providence, June 11, 1835. They had

²³⁶ Amey, born in Providence, May 14, 1836.

²³⁷ John H., Jr. " " " " December 21, 1838.

No record of the marriage of Amey. ²³⁶ John H., Jr., is hereafter mentioned. ²³⁷

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Children of William H. and Parnell (Douty) Butts.

William H. Butts learned ropemaking of his father in Providence, and pursued his trade in Nantucket, Mass. for a number of years. He married ³⁷⁰ Parnell Douth, of Nantucket, . They had.

³⁷¹ Maurice, born in Nantucket,

³⁷² Ida, " " "

³⁷³ ----- " " "

³⁷⁴ William " " "

Nothing further has been learned of this family.

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Children of Charles P. and Lydia (Allen) Butts.

Charles P. Butts learned ropemaking and after became house carpenter. He has lived principally in Providence, serving during the rebellion in one of the Rhode Island batteries. ³⁷⁵ He married Lydia Allen, of Nantucket, Mass. They had ¹¹⁷ *Charles P. Butts died in Prov. Feb. 1903*

³⁷⁶ Sarah, born in Providence.

³⁷⁷ Horace, " " "

³⁷⁸ Eunice, " " "

³⁷⁹ Lydia, wife of Charles P. died . He married 2d, Elizabeth Evans, of Providence, July 5, 1855. The union was an unhappy one and they were divorced. ³⁸⁰ He married 3d, Hannah Cromby, September 4, 1858. They had no children. ³⁷⁷ Horace Butts died at sea, unmarried.

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¹¹⁸
Children of Martin P. and Susan (Lee) Butts.

¹¹⁸ Martin P. Butts was a ropemaker and, like his brothers, was obliged to seek other occupations, the business having changed owing to the introduction of machinery, the great falling off, and commercial changes, until the business in Rhode Island was entirely suspended. He married Susan Lee, of Nantucket, November 7, 1843. He died in Providence October 4, 1884. They had

²³⁸ Susan Lee Butts died in Prov. April 13, 1901

²³⁹ Clara E., born in Providence, August 5, 1852.

²⁴⁰ She married William H. Lawrence, of Providence, August 7, 1873.

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Children of Albert M. and Margaret (O'Neill) Butts.

¹²⁰ Albert M. Butts was a trackman and for many years was superintendent of construction and repairs on the Providence, Hartford & Fiskell Railroad, in the duties of which he lost his life by an accident, May 1, 1872. He married Margaret E. O'Neill, of Providence. They had

²⁴¹ Inez A. born in Providence, July 1, 1853.

²⁴² Ida L. " " " July 28, 1855.

²⁴³ Inez A. married J. Frank Weeden. ²⁴⁴ Ida L. married Fred H. Bleasdale, both of Providence, R. I.

¹²² Children of Lucius J. and ²⁴⁶ Merion (Darling) Butts.

¹²² Lucius J. Butts learned the trade of painter and lived principally in Providence. He served for a period during the rebellion, in the 2d Rhode Island Infantry. After the war he was employed in various mechanical pursuits. He died in Warwick, R. I., May 15, 1882. He married ²⁴⁶ Merion Darling, of Providence, She died They had

²⁴⁷ Alice E. born in Providence, November 8, 1855.

¹²² Lucius married ²⁴⁸ 2d, Sarah M. Briggs, of Providence. They had

²⁴⁹ Arthur P. born in Providence, December 4, 1871.

²⁵⁰ Walter H. " " " October 28, 1873.

²⁵¹ Merion D. " " " November 16, 1874.

²⁵² Grace R. " " " May 11, 1877.

²⁵³ Ora I. " " " October 5, 1880.

¹²⁴ Children of Robert I. and ²⁵⁴ Elizabeth (Brown) Butts.

Robert I. Butts was engaged in several mechanical pursuits until the breaking out of the war, when he entered the service in the 11th, Rhode Island Infantry. In 1866 he removed to Iowa, where he now lives engaged in agriculture. He married ²⁵⁴ Elizabeth Brown of Providence, October 3, 1860. They had

²⁵⁵ William, born -----

Children of ¹³⁰Henry and ²⁵⁶

Butts.

¹³⁰ Henry Butts was a grocer and carried on the business for many years in Providence. He moved to Warren, R. I., where he continued the business until he died. He married ²⁵⁶ of Providence. They had

²⁵⁷ James, born in Providence.

¹³⁰ Henry Butts married 2d ²⁵⁸ od Warren. They had

²⁵⁹ Henry, Jr. born in Warren.

²⁵⁷ James died in childhood.

Children of ¹³¹Benjamin and ²⁵⁸Louise (Miller) Butts.

¹³¹ Benjamin Butts was a plasterer and mason. He lived in Providence where he carried on his trade. He married ²⁵⁸ Louise Miller, of Providence, 1818. He died January 8, 1829. She died January 31, 1833. They had

²⁵⁹ Benjamin E. born in Providence, March 25, 1819.

²⁶⁰ William H. " " " September 25, 1822.

²⁶¹ Mary Ann " " " April 14, 1824.

²⁶² James R. " " " February 15, 1826.

²⁶³ Charlotte M. " " " November 29, 1827.

²⁶¹ Mary Ann Butts married ²⁶⁴ John Root. He died : married 2d, ²⁶⁵ James

Tallman, both of Providence. ²⁶⁵ Tallman died in the union army in 1864.

²⁶³ Charlotte M. married ²⁶⁶ George White of Providence. ²⁵⁹ Benjamin, ²⁶⁰ William and

²⁶² James have a genealogical record.

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²⁶⁷ *Atwood*
Children of James E. and Ann (Olney) Butts.

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James E. Butts commenced business in Providence in the dry goods trade. In 1832 he became Cashier of the High Street Bank where he continued until incapacitated by age. He was a man of high business standing and under his management the bank always maintained a good standing. He married ²⁶⁷ Ann Olney Atwood, of Providence, December 2, 1816. He died December 22, 1880. She died January 14, 1859. They had

²⁶⁸ Jane, born in Providence, February 10, 1818.

²⁶⁹ Ann M. " " " August 3, 1819.

²⁷⁰ James, " " " August 19, 1821.

²⁷¹ Ann M. " " " December 2, 1822.

²⁷² James E., Jr. " " " October 13, 1824.

²⁷³ David A. " " " June 31, 1826.

²⁷⁴ David A. " " " January 23, 1827. *Died in Prov. Aug 1902*

²⁷⁵ Almira A. " " " January 16, 1829.

²⁷⁶ Isaac, " " " August 15, 1830.

²⁷⁷ Helen, " " " February 6, 1833.

²⁷⁸ Cordelia " " " January 15, 1836.

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²⁷⁹ Jane Butts married Charles W. Reding, of Providence. ²⁶⁹ Ann M. died December 8, 1819.

²⁷⁰ James died November 7, 1824. ²⁷³ David A. died in infancy. ²⁷⁴ Almira A.

²⁸⁰ married George D. Eames, of Providence, January 26, 1831. ²⁷⁷ Helen married

²⁸¹ Lucian Mumford September 24, 1831. ²⁷² James E. and ²⁷⁶ Isaac have further

records. ²⁷⁴ David unmarried. *28 died in Prov. Aug 1902*

¹⁹⁸
Children of John W. and ²⁸²Amanda (Thornton) Butts.

¹⁹⁸ John W. Butts, Jr., succeeded his father in the hat business in Providence, in which he has continued without change. He married ²⁸²Amanda Y. Thornton, May 30, 1852. They had

²⁸³ William S. born in Providence, September 14, 1856.

²⁸⁴ Nellie T. " " " April 15, 1858.

The union was an unhappy one and they were divorced. ¹⁹⁸ John W. married 2d,

²⁸⁵ Josephene Mathewson, of Providence, July 18, 1864. They had

²⁸⁶ Harry H. born in Providence, December 3, 1865.

²⁸⁷ Harriet H. " " " October 11, 1871.

²⁸³ William S. died June 30, 1857. ²⁸⁴ Nellie T. died September 12, 1863.

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Children of Francis B. and ²⁸⁸Helen F. (Battey) Butts.

²⁰⁴ Francis B. Butts, the author of this genealogy. I have no desire to write concerning myself and will, therefore, take from the pen of the historian of Battery E., First Regiment Rhode Island Light Artillery, who has inserted the following biographical sketch in his history.

²⁰⁴ Francis B. Butts was born in Providence, R. I., January 27, 1844.

He was the son of ⁹⁰John W. Butts, a well known merchant of Providence. His mother was ¹⁹⁷Mehitable Wentworth Butts, of the New Hampshire family of

Wentworths. ²⁰⁴ Frank, as he was familiarly called by his comrades, is of the seventh generation from the emigrant, Thomas Butts, a member of Plymouth

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Colony. At the breaking ^{out} of the rebellion, Francis was a pupil in the public schools of Providence, and although not 17 years of age, he was one of the first to enlist in Battery E., being mustered as a Corporal September 30, 1861. He participated in the siege of Yorktown where he received his first baptism of fire. He was present at Williamsburg and Fair Oaks, where his battery was in position. In front of Richmond, Charles City Cross Roads, Malvern Hill and Harrison's Landing he served his gun with valor.

While in the Peninsula Campaign he, with many of his brave comrades, became victims of the malaria fever and on the 6th of August, 1862, he was sent to the field hospital and, later, to the general hospital at Philadelphia, Pa. During his stay at the latter, permission was granted to recruit the navy from the army, many sailors having entered the ranks and their services were required at sea. This opportunity he accepted and was transferred as a seaman October 5, 1862. He was promoted through several grades and participated in several naval engagements, and was one of the survivors of the famous Ericsson iron-clad battery "Monitor", foundered at sea near midnight December 30, 1862. He was mustered out of service June 17, 1865, having been in the United States service about 45 months.

December 25, 1867, he married ²⁸⁸Helen, daughter of Horace and Adeline (Work) Battey, of Scituate, R. I. A promising son, ²⁹⁰Frank Horace, born May 17, 1873, died December 30, 1891. ²⁸⁹Alice Duncan, born January 8, 1870, alone remains to comfort them in their advancing years.

Since the war he has been engaged in the provision and manufacturing business, excepting for a period from 1878 to 1887, when he held the

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government position of Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue. He was appointed Postmaster of East Providence, R. I., by President Harrison, October 1, 1891. He is the author of several historical papers: some of them have been read before the Soldiers & Sailors Historical Society, of Providence, and published in its archives.

He is a member of several Army and Naval societies, in which he has held many responsible positions, and for the last ten years has been Secretary and Treasurer of the First Rhode Island Light Artillery Vetran Association, in which he has laboured earnestly to preserve its war history. During the larger portion of his life he has lived in Providence and East Providence, and is widely known as an honorable citizen."

²⁰⁴ Francis B. Butts married Helen F. Battey, of Scituate, R. I., December 25, 1867. They had

²⁸⁸ Alice D. born in Providence, January 8, 1870.

²⁹⁰ Frank H. " " " May 17, 1873.

²⁸⁹ Alice D. Butts married ²⁹¹ Frederick Metcalf, of Providence, R. I., June 1, 1893.

²⁹⁰ Frank H. Butts was a boy of the most happy and genial disposition, and was loved by all who knew him. He and his father were companions in all their doings and more than the usual attachment of father and son existed between them. By his death, all hopes and all anticipations are buried in the grave. I have no eulogy to write of him: his dearly loved father and mother will never cease to mourn their loss. My pen here falls from my hand, the name of Butts in this line of the family is lost forever. He died in East Providence, December 30, 1891.

Francis B. Butts. ⁶¹

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Children of Franklin and Sarah M. (Allen) Butts.

270 Franklin Butts was an accountant of unusual ability, and held a very responsible position in the mercantile firm of Earle P. Mason & Co., in Providence. He was admitted to the firm, when the name was changed to Butts, Mason & Co., and although young at the time of his death, he left an ample accumulation and high social standing. He married 292 Sarah M.

Allen Snow, of Providence, December 26, 1853. They had

293	Frank W.	born in Providence, May	5, 1857.
294	Charles P.	" " " "	16, 1858.
295	George F.	" " " "	February 16, 1861.
296	Helen Louise,	" " " "	March 21, 1867.
297	Sallie Allen,	" " " "	November 25, 1871.

293 Frank W. and 294 Charles P. both died in infancy.

296 Helen Louise married - Raynor
295 George F has genealogical record -

²¹⁹
Children of William H. H. and Mary (Warner) Butts.
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²¹⁹ William H. H. Butts learned the trade of steel and copper plate printer in Providence, where, after working at the trade for several years, he succeeded his uncle in carrying on the business. After several years of dilligent application, he retired in apparent ease, having had no other business since that time. He was among the first to respond to the President's call for three months troops to defend the Capitol, and enlisted in the First Regiment Rhode Island Infantry, and was in the Battle of Bull Run. He married ³⁰⁰ Mary E. Warner, of Providence. They had

³⁰¹ Charles W. born in Providence, April 17, 1856.

³⁰⁰ Mary, wife of William H. H. Butts, died . He married ¹⁹² 2d, Lydia M. Butts, of Charlestown, Mass. October 29, 1865. They had.

³⁰² Charles H. born in Providence, November 24, 1870.

³⁰³ George F. " " " June 16, 1874.

³⁰¹ Charles W. died August 21, 1856. ³⁰³ George F. died October 24, 1880.

³⁰² Charles H. Butts married ³⁶² Lucy Ella Headfield of Providence
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Children of Francis A. and Mary (Sisson) Butts.

310 Francis A. Butts is an accountant. He was employed in Providence for a time and moved to New Bedford, where he now lives. I am indebted to him for assistance in obtaining the record of this branch of the family. He married Mary Ann Sisson, of Providence, May 28, 1863.

They had

314 M. Alice, born in Providence, April 25, 1864.

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Children of Albert and Priscilla (Waskell) Butts.

²³³ Albert Butts is a mariner and at this time, 1882, is absent on a whaling voyage. He married ³¹⁵ Priscilla P. Haskell, of New Bedford.

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Children of Henry R. and Mary F. (King) Butts.

²³⁴ Henry R. Butts lives in New Bedford where he is engaged in fishing.
³¹⁶ He married Mary F. King, of New Bedford, 1879. They have
³¹⁷ Emily Jane, born in New Bedford, 1880.

²³⁷ ³¹⁸
Children of John H. and Louise (Chicester) Butts.

²³⁷ John H. Butts, Jr., lives in New York City, doing business in Druggs.
³¹⁸ He married Louise Chicester, of New York, February 14, 1860. They had

³¹⁹	Louise,	born in New York City,	May	17,	1861.
³²⁰	Henry H. "	" " " "	April	18,	1863.
³²¹	John H. "	" " " "	June	6,	1866.
³²²	Lizzie R."	" " " "	September	3,	1876.
³²³	George R."	" " " "	December	23,	1878.

²²⁹ Children of Benjamin E. and Abby (White) Butts. ³²⁰

Benjamin E. Butts was a mason and plasterer. He carried on the business in Providence for many years, and later in East Providence, where he died at his home June 24, 1886. He married ³²⁵ Abby W. White, of Providence, June --, 1842. They had

³²⁶ Benjamin F. born in Providence, July 31, 1843.

³²⁷ Mary Ann, " " " May 9, 1845.

³²⁸ Ella M. " " " August 11, 1848.

³²⁹ Orry, " " " December 8, 1850.

³²⁵ Abby, wife of Benjamin, died June ---- 1877. ³²⁶ Benjamin F. married ³³⁰ Arabel Reed, of Bristol, R. I., July -- 1870. They live in San Francisco, California, have had no children, 1892. ³²⁷ Mary Ann died in Childhood. ³²⁸ Ella M. married ³³¹ Frank Potter, of Providence.

²⁶⁰ Children of William H. and ³³² Charlott () Butts.

²⁶⁰ William H. Butts was for a time engaged in the business of baker in Providence. He went to Philadelphia when about 25 years of age and commenced business in Clothing, in which he was eminently successful. He changed his name from William to ³³³ Charles A. because, as he says, there were so many other Williams in the family. He married ³³² Charlott ----- of Philadelphia, a descendant of the old Dutch families of that city. They had

³³⁴ Julia, born in Philadelphia.

³³⁵ William " " "

²⁶² Children of James R. and ³³⁶ Sarah (Brown) Butts.

²⁶² James R. Butts learned the trade of jeweler at which he has always been employed in Providence, where he married 1st, ³³⁶ Sarah Brown. They had

³³⁷ Florence A., born in Providence, May 16, 1851.

²⁶² James R. married 2d, ³³⁸ Addie F. Shedd, November 20, 1880. They had

³³⁹ Lena R., born in Providence, October 21, 1883.

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²⁷²Children of James E. and ³⁴⁰Catherine (Perry) Butts.

²⁷²James E. Butts, Jr., was engaged in coal and iron mining in Pennsylvania, and a pioneer in the oil region. He made large purchases of land in the mining fields and developed several towns, among which are Bradford and Buttsville, Mc Keon Co., Pa. He ranks first among the successful and enterprising business men of the family. He married

³⁴⁰Catherine E. Perry, of . They had

³⁴¹William A. born in Providence, February 2, 1851.

³⁴²James E. P. " " Watertown, January 8, 1854.

³⁴³Katharine S. " " " May 3, 1860.

³⁴¹William A. Butts, a student, died by an accident on the Boston & Albany Railroad, November 7, 1865. ³⁴²James E. P. Butts entered Harvard College in 1874, being of the class of 1878. For many years he was Superintendent of the Buttsville Coal Mines. At present he is engaged in banking in Geneva, N. Y. He married ³⁴⁴Orpha Stark, of Smethport, Pa., September 14, 1886 and has one son, ³⁴⁵James E., born in Smethport, October 7, 1888. ²⁷²James E. the father of this family died in Buttsville November 16, 1882.

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Children of Isaac and Eliza (Thurston) Butts.

276 Isaac Butts has been employed in mercantile business and for many years has been with the house of Walter Hastings & Co., of Boston, Mass.

He married ³⁴⁶Eliza Thurston, of Providence, October 12, 1859. They had

³⁴⁷Ann ⁴M. born in Boston, January --- 1861.

³⁴⁸Caroline T. " " " March 1864.

³⁴⁹Esta " " " September 1868.

³⁵⁰Hope G. " " " September 1875.

276 Isaac Butts died in Boston, Mass., February 28, 1884. ³⁴⁷Ann A. married

³⁵¹William H. Pickering, of Boston, June 11, 1884. ³⁴⁸Caroline T. married

³⁵²William Dunwell, of Providence, February 10, 1891. ³⁵⁰Hope G. died
September -- 1879.

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Children of George E. and Alice (Hutchens~~on~~) Butts.

²⁹⁵ George T. Butts married ³⁵³ Alice C. Hutch~~ons~~^{on}, of Providence, May 17, 1882. He began a business life in the wholesale grocery trade with Whitford Aldrich & Co., in Providence, R. I. They had

³⁷⁰ ³⁷¹ ³⁷² ³⁷³ ³⁷⁴	Alice Whitford born December 30 - 1883 Marguerite Hutchens Nov. 29 - 1886 Eberhard Raynor Dec 26 - 1889 Katharine Nov 30 - 1893 Celeste April 29 1896	}	Born in Providence
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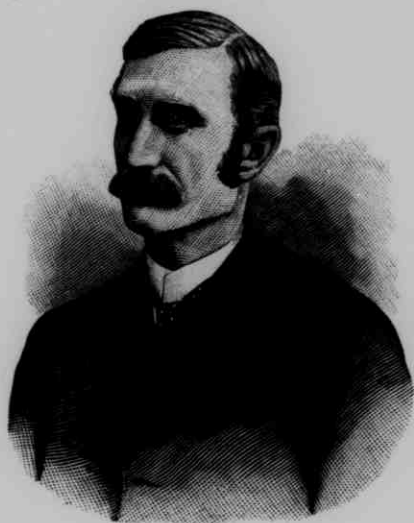
³²⁹ Orry, son of Benjamin E. Butts, of East Providence, R. I., and
³⁶⁰ Lillie Warren married August 21, 1879. They had

³⁶¹ Eugene C., born in East Providence, September 8, 1880.

He is the last birth in the Butts family, the last name in the genealogy, and the ~~first~~ first to begin the record of the ninth generation at this date, October 30, 1880.

THE
AMERICAN ANCESTRY
OF
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Francis B. Butts,
Battery E, R. I. Light Artillery
and U. S. Navy.

The American Ancestry of John Wood Butts.

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Thomas Butts the Emigrant.

Thomas Butts the head of the American family, departed from his home in Norfolk, England, to join the colony at Plymouth, Mass., May 18, 1⁶60. The first known of him in this country is from the Plymouth County records. November 16, 1662, he bought 4 acres of Richard Hart; 1666, October 1, he bought of Richard Bulgar 2 acres in Portsmouth, for a cow and 10s in wampun. Other land transactions, his Will, and inventory of his estate are upon the records, principal among which is, October 27, 1⁶65, he was granted a division of land one-thirtieth share in Dartmouth, purchased from Woosamequin and Wamsutta. He died at his home in Little Compton, then Massachusetts, November -- 1702. There is no record of his wife, except being mentioned in his Will, name Elizabeth.

First Generation.

Zaccheus, son of Thomas and Elizabeth Butts, born in Little Compton, then Mass., ----1667, married Sarah Earle ---- 1688. He continued his life on the place where he was born, engaged in farming. Not much has been preserved concerning his life, nor can much be presumed, beyond that he was an industrious farmer, and like most of his neighbors, a Staunch Quaker. The fertile farms made from rugged hills and dense forests are perpetual evidence of their labour in this and adjoining townships.

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Second Generation.

John, son of Zaccheus and Sarah (Earle) Butts, born in Little Compton, about 1692, married, first, Susanna Wordell, of Portsmouth, R.I., December 11, 1712, married, second, Abigail Moon, January 29, 1725. He moved to Portsmouth where he engaged in farming, and purchased a considerable extent of land surrounding what has since been known as "Butts Hill"; there he erected a house where several generations of the family have been born; the house was a typical one of the period, having a great chimney and narrow windows; it was taken down in 1878, having stood about one hundred and fifty years.

Third Generation.

John, son of John and Abigail (Moon) Butts, born in Portsmouth, May 16, 1733, married Susanna Cornell of Portsmouth, August 17, 1775⁶. He continued his life at the homestead of the Butts family, and was considerably engaged in the commerce of the Island. The "War of the Revolution" was a great disaster to him, the British soldiers having pillaged the farms and dwellings of all who were loyal to their country. He was greatly respected by the people among whom he lived and the soldiers of the Patriot Army. To his honor and patriotism the fort they struggled to defend August 9, 1778, was named and from that time has been known as "Fort Butts". It is also said that the industry of the Island is largely due to his energy and influence.

Fourth Generation.

Noah, son of John and Susanna (Cornell) Butts, born in Portsmouth Dec. 9, 1770, married Lydia Daggett of Rehoboth, Mass., September 3, 1798. He

learned his trade as ropemaker at the ship yards in Rehoboth, near the mouth of the Ten Mile River. He moved to Boston where he opened the first victualing saloon kept in that city; he resumed his trade and conducted the business of ropemaking in Cambridgeport, Mass., in 1807, in which he was engaged at the breaking out of the war 1812-13. The blockade and destruction of American vessels soon caused him to be unoccupied and, filled with valor and love of country, he entered the United States army and served near the Canadian borders. At the close of the war he returned to his family, only to live a short time, his health yielding to disease contracted by exposure in Northern winters, and he died in April, 24th, 1817.

Fifth Generation.

John Wood Butts, son of Noah and Lydia (Daggett) Butts, born in Boston, Mass., February 10, 1806, married Mehitabel Wentworth of Salem, Mass., July 25, 1829. He learned the trade of hatter, or hat-finisher, as known to the trade. He commenced business in Providence in 1850, in which he continued until 1852, when he retired to a farm near the suburbs of the city, where he lived until 1873, when he moved to East Providence, where *She* ~~he~~ died March 31, 1882. In life John W. Butts was known as a staunch and honorable man, his firmness of character led him to a successful business career. *He died at his home in East Providence Sept. 8-1890*

The American Ancestry of Mehitable (Wentworth) Butts.

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William Wentworth the Emigrant.

The first evidence there is of Elder William Wentworth's presence in this country is his signature (among those of thirty-five persons) to a combination for government of Exeter, New Hampshire, on the fourth day of July 1639.

First Generation.

John, son of Elder William Wentworth, was born about 1649. No record is found of him before 1668, when his name appears in the Dover (N.H.) tax-list; it is also frequently found in the public records of York, Me., and later in Newbury, Mass.

Second Generation.

Edward, son of John and Martha Wentworth, born in Newbury, Mass., in 1698, died in Stoughton, February 12, 1769. He was twice married, 1st, Kezia Blackman, of Newbury, 2d, Sarah Winslow (widow) of Freetown, Mass.

Third Generation.

Zebediah, son of Edward and Kezia Wentworth, born April 14, 1718, lived in Stoughton, Mass. He married Judith Stimpson, who died August 20, 1812. He died October 30, 1775.

Fourth Generation.

Isaac, son of Zebediah and Judith (Stimpson) Wentworth, born in

Stoughton, Mass., February 17, 1745, married his cousin Jerusha Wentworth. There is no record so far as known of their lives or where they lived. It is presumed, however, that they continued in the home of their parents.

Fifth Generation.

Phineas, son of Isaac and Jerusha (Wentworth) Wentworth, born November 17, 1744, married 1st, -----; 2d, December 7, 1805, in Salem, Mass., widow Mary (Lawrence) Pease, (She had one son by her first husband, viz: Samuel Pease, who married Hannah Read of Cambridge, Mass., and died in St. Domingo, about 1837. She had also a daughter, Mary Pease, who married John Emerson.) Phineas lived in Boston, and died in Sudbury, Mass., in 1826. She died in Providence, R. I., April -, 1852. He had by his first wife, Phineas who died at sea, aged about 21 years, unmarried. Phineas and Mary (Lawrence Pease) Wentworth had William, born in Salem, January 13, 1807, married April 6, 1829, Mary B. Prescott, of Lowell, Mass.; Mehitabel Wentworth, born in Salem, December 1, 1809, married July 3, 1829, in Charlestown, Mass., John Wood Butts, of Boston. They moved to Providence, R. I., where he became engaged in business and where they continued to live until their death. He died at his residence in East Providence, ^{September} ~~October~~ 8, 1890. She died March 31, 1882.

The American Ancestry of Lydia (Daggett) Butts.

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John Daggett (sometimes spelled with one "t", also at times with 2 one "g") was born in England, where there is a long ancestry. He came to this country with Governor Winthrop, ¹⁶³⁰1630, died at Plymouth, Mass., May (between 17th and 26th), 1675; married, 1st (date, place and to whom not found); married 2d, Plymouth, August 29, 1667, Bathsheba Pratt, widow.

First Generation.

John Daggett, son of John, the first who came to this country by this name, was born in England, about 1626. He left his father's household and went to Rehoboth, Mass., where he married and continued his life, being among the first to lay out the town. He married Ann Sutton, October 23, 1651.

Second Generation.

Dr. Joseph, son of John and Ann (Sutton) Daggett, resided in Rehoboth, Mass., where he appears to have practiced medicine, and also to have been wheelwright and miller. October 26, 1686, he buys with his brother Nathaniel and Thomas Daggett, Esq., of Edgartown, 50 acres of land, on both sides of Ten Mile River at the falls, in North Purchase. The first mill built in the town was owned and occupied by Joseph Daggett. March 30, 1703, the town voted that Joseph Daggett, of Rehoboth, have the privilege that the stream at the Ten Mile River falls shall go free of all sorts of taxes until a corn mill has the constant custom of threescore families. He is the first who called his name Daggett and was born the

middle of November, 1657, died January 15, 1737; married Mary Palmer, of Rehoboth, February 23, 1663, who died April 14, 1757.

Third Generation.

Israel, son of Dr. Joseph and Mary (Palmer) Daggett, was born in Rehoboth, Mass., March 20, 1703--4, died there 1777, married 1st, April 15, 1724, Hannah Dornan of Boxford, Mass., married 2d, Lydia (supposed Dornan) There is not much of special interest on record concerning Israel. He followed farming, having inherited from his father a large number of acres, in which was included a tract purchased by the city of Pawtucket, in 1895, for Park purposes. He built the house now standing there, in which his ten children were born, and many grand children.

Fourth Generation.

Israel, son of Israel and Lydia (Boxford) Daggett, born in Rehoboth, April 28, 1737; died about 1776; was married by Thomas Bowen, to Frances (Bannister) Bowen, widow, Rehoboth, July 15, 1763. Not very much is known of him from any records yet found, and only such facts as have been related from those old enough to have remembered him, have been preserved. He was known to have been a physician of high standing in Newport, R. I., where he resided, and is the father of Lydia (Daggett) Butts, the object of this sketch. He received his medical learning in England, but this record is shortened by an early death. There was born of Dr. Israel and Frances (Bannister Bowen) Daggett:

Fifth Generation.

Joseph Daggett, born at Rehoboth, Mass., May 4, 1764.

Martha " " " " October 6, 1765.

Lydia " " " " February 6, 1769.

No further record is found of Joseph, but it seems possible for some history of him to be found, as the writer remembers of often hearing his father speak of him. Martha married David Blake, of Rehoboth, September --, 1785 and moved to Galipolis, Ohio, where there is now a large family of their descendants. Lydia Daggett married Noah Butts who was born in Portsmouth, R. I., December 9, 1770, married September 3, 1789. He died in Cambridgeport, Mass., April 24, 1817. She died in Providence, R. I., February 16, 1828.

Sixth Generation.

John Wood Butts, born in Boston, Mass., February 10, 1806, married Mehitable Wentworth, of Salem, Mass., July 23, 1829. He moved to Providence, R. I., where he became engaged in business and where they continued to live until their death. He died at his residence in East Providence, ^{September} ~~October~~ 8, 1890. She died March 31, 1882.

MEMORANDUM.

June 24, 1777, William Daggett was appointed guardian of Joseph and Lydia Daggett, and Daniel Daggett was appointed guardian of Martha Daggett, all children of Israel and Frances (Bannister) Daggett.

John Wood, for whom John Wood Butts was named, was born in Newport, R. I., August 17, 1733. He married Lydia, daughter of Israel and Hannah (Dornan) Daggett of Rehoboth. She was aunt to Lydia, mother of John Wood Butts and was known as Aunt Wood by all of her relations. It is believed from what is now known that aunt Wood was foster mother to Lydia (Daggett) Butts, and a long and romantic story is connected therewith, a leaf from tradition is of great interest and is worth preservation. It is handed down in the following language, and not only does the preceding record give evidence of its truthfulness, but there are still relics of Frances (Bannister) Daggett in the memory of many living persons, and among family treasures.

Frances Bannister was a "Lady" of English birth and title. Her marriage to ----- Bowen did not please her family and she came to this country in hopes to find happiness. She lived in Newport, R. I., where her husband soon died, and she was married 2d, to Dr. Israel Daggett of Rehoboth, Mass. They lived in Newport, where three children were born, Joseph, Martha and Lydia. The record and tradition here agree, he died between 1769 and 1777. William and Daniel Daggett were appointed

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guardians of these children June 24, 1777.

The Dr. and Mrs. Daggett (Frances Bannister) lived in Newport, in full enjoyment of the wealth and society of the city, when his death separated them. She continued her residence in Newport, seeking condolence in love of her children. The Daggetts, in envious or religious mind, did not approve of this bringing up of children; they thought they should be trained to usefulness, or rather their ideas of usefulness, and to carry out their belief they caused the two daughters, Martha, aged 12, and Lydia, aged 8, to be stolen from their mother. Martha was taken to Rehoboth and Lydia to Swansea, Mass., where they were kept in close seclusion. Nothing is known of what became of their brother, Joseph, nor did they ever see their mother again, as she soon died of grief at the loss of her dear ones and the cruelties of her Puritan relations.

After a separation of considerable time, as it is related to us by the children of Lydia (Daggett) Butts, one of the actors in this actual drama, a visitor came to the house of John Wood, where Lydia was kept, of whom she learned his name was Daggett, and in an unguarded conversation she became convinced that he came from where her sister Martha was held, or, that he knew something of her. When he left the house, which was near sunset, Lydia was soon mounted on a horse and in close pursuit. She succeeded in keeping him in view, although he often seemed to be aware of her pursuit and tried to escape, but the mystery had grown in her imagination, and she rode fearless in the determination not to be outridden. It was near morning when a halt was made at a farm house, and seeing her consort enter the dwelling, she quietly secreted herself until daybreak, when her thoughts were realized by seeing her sister proceed to the barn

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with milk pail in hand, to enter upon the duties of her new life.. This was at the house of Daniel Daggett, in Swansea, Mass.

I am unable in this short record of our ancestors to relate the many interesting tales of early New England life, and beneath the romance of "Lady Frances Bannister" lies a broken heart and the grief of an affectionate mother.

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November 16, 1896.

Francis Bannister Butts.

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The American Ancestry of Alice (Butts) Metcalf.

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*William White, who came over in the "May Flower" in 1620, our English ancestor from whom have descended nearly all the Whites in America, had three sons, not counting *Peregrine, who was born in Cape Cod Harbor. The name of William White is the sixth in order subscribed to the compact. He died in 1621, but his age is not given. His wife, Susannah, married Governor Edward Winslow, in May 1621. His oldest son, Resolve, married Judith, daughter of William Bassett, in Scituate, R. I., in 1640, and continued to live in Marshfield, Mass., until 1670, at which time he moved to some other part of New England. Further information is desired respecting the other two sons.

First Generation.

*Peregrine White received his name from the circumstance of his birth on board the "Mayflower", in Cape Cod Harbor, the latter part of November, 1620, the first child born of English parents in New England. He moved to Marshfield with the family of Gov. Winslow, probably about the year 1636. He married Sarah, daughter of William Bassett, who then lived in Duxbury, but afterwards moved to Bridgeport, Conn., and died in 1667. His children were *Daniel, Sylvina, Jonathan, Sarah, Mercy.

Second Generation.

*Daniel White, son of Peregrine and Sarah (Bassett) White, married Hannah Hunt, of Duxbury, in 1694. Their children were *John, born 1676,

Joseph, born 1678, Thomas, born 1680, Cornelius, born 1682, Benjamin, born 1684, Elaror, born 1686, Ebenezer, born 1691.

Third Generation.

*John White, son of Daniel and Hannah (Hunt) White, married Sarah -----
Their children were Sarah, born July 1700, John, born 13 July, 1701, Edward,
born July 18, 1704, *Ezekiel, born August 11, 1707, David, born April 23,
1710, Hester, born August 16, 1711.

Fourth Generation.

*Ezekiel White, son of John and Sarah White, lived in Douglass,
Mass. Who he married has not been ascertained. It is said the records
were all burned, so it is impossible to learn much concerning him. His
children were *John, born August, 1742, Douglas, born 1745, Asa, born -----
Ruth, born -----.

Fifth Generation.

*John White, son of Ezekiel and White, married Abial Albee
for his first wife. They had *William, born May, 1, 1768, Joseph, born
May 1, 1771, Prudence, born August 17, 1773, John, born July 19, 1776. He
married for his second wife, Elizabeth Paine. They had Abail, born Aug.
18, 1778, Simon, born February 10, 1780, Bashaba, born Nov. 13, 1782,
*John died May 4, 1824.

Sixth Generation.

*William White, son of John and Abail (Albee) White, married Deborah
Constock. They had Daniel, born 1799, *Prudence, born 1802, Rachael,

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born 1805, William, born 1807, Jesse, born January 15, 1808, Deborah, born
March 17, 1810, Eseck, born May 23, 1811. *William, died August 18, 1819.

Seventh Generation.

*Prudence White, daughter of *William and Abail White, married Ezra
Work of West Woodstock, Conn. They had Adeline, born August 17, 1825,
Mary born 1828, Laura, born November 1830, Josephine, born Dec.
18, 1832, Franklin, born August 1834, Sarah, born May 1836, George,
born March 4, 1839, Emily, born 1841.

Eighth Generation.

*Adeline Work, daughter of *Prudence (White) and Ezra Work, born in
Webster, Mass., married Horace R. Battey, of Scituate, R. I., October 10, 18
1844. They had Helen F., born September 12, 1845, Eliza, born August 6,
1849, Stephen, born July 29, 1851.